

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended to present the claims in better form for allowance and for possible consideration on appeal. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to accept the proposed amendments. Claims 5-8, 11-19, 22-24, 28, 31-33 and 37-38 have been previously cancelled. No new claims have been added. Therefore, claims 1-4, 9-10, 20-21, 25-27, 29-30 and 34-36 are now are presented for examination.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection

Claims 1-4, 9-10, 20-21, 25-27, 29-30 and 34-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. In response, support for the claim language may be found at page 4, line 13 – page 5, line 7 of the Specification. Specifically, the Specification states that “the access device 12 is in the form of a personal computer (PC) 18.” (Specification at page 4, ll. 13-14). Further, the Specification recites that “[a]lthough the access device in the example depicted in the drawings in the form of a PC 18, it is to be appreciated that the access device may take on various other forms e.g., the access device may be personal digital assistant (PDA) or any other electronic hardware that typically provides a visual and/or audio output to a user.” (Specification at page 4, 19 – page 5, line 3).

In addition, claim 1 has been amended to appear in proper condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that, for at least the reasons stated above, that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claim 10 has been amended thus obviating this rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection

Claims 1-4, 9-10, 20-21, 25-27, 29-30 and 34-36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as being anticipated by Lehman, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,292,186 (“Lehman”).

Applicants respectfully submit that Lehman discloses that “MoDAL language permits the rapid development, rendering, and *modification of graphics user interfaces (GUI)*, such that plural GUI instantiations of a widely used software applications can be respectively tailored to suit the needs of particular users, e.g., physically challenged users.” (col. 3, ll. 53-58; emphasis provided).

In contrast, claim 1, in pertinent part, recites “a portable device . . . having a switch to select an access device from the plurality of access devices to be emulated at the portable device.” (emphasis provided). The Examiner asserts that “a skilled artisan in the art of mobile computing knows *various GUI means for switching to select between emulated applications . . . such as a calculator, electronic address book, digital clock, etc.*” (Final Office Action, mailed October 6, 2006 at page 6, section 9; emphasis provided). Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner’s assertion.

Switching between applications such as a calculator or clock is not emulation. Emulation is not simply executing an application as in Lehman. For example, the Specification at page 4 provides an example of emulation as substantially resembling and simulating a physical appearance. In addition, Lehman discloses modifying GUIs of various applications for physically challenged users (presumably visually challenged users). Applicants submit that modifying GUIs for applications is not emulating an access device, as in claim 1. Accordingly, for at least the reasons stated above, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 1 and its dependent claims be withdrawn.

Claims 20 and 29 contain limitations similar to those of claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 20 and 29 and their dependent claims.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

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Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

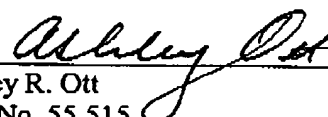
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